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January 31

Mary M. Atchison, M.D. State Health Officer State Department of Health 61 South Spring Street Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Atchison:

This is in response to your request of January 29, for our opinion as to whether the Daniel Webster Home in Franklin is subject to licensure under the Hospital Licensing Law. (RSA 151).

Tou advise that the home "is a voluntary non-profit agency providing residential diagnosis and treatment to emotionally disturbed children." . . . "No child is admitted without a medical diagnosis of illness or disability nor is any child admitted for whom there is not a reasonable prognosis of correction of the emotional disturbances for which admission is made."

It is the opinion of this office based on the foregoing and on other information contained in your summary that the Daniel Webster Home maintains organized facilities for the diagnosis, treatment and care of persons suffering from illness and is required to be licensed under RSA 151:2.

Very truly yours.

Elmer T. Bourque Assistant Attorney General

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